

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES
February 17, 2022
9:00 a.m.

PRESENT:

BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS

Commissioner Bryon Reed, Chairman
 Commissioner Brent Mendenhall, Vice Chair/Trustee, Zoom
 Bill Leake, Zoom
 Commissioner Blair Dance, Zoom
 Commissioner Shayne Young
 Commissioner Butts, Zoom
 Dr. Aaron Gardner, MD
 Commissioner Leah Madsen, Zoom
 Commissioner Greg Shenton, Zoom

STAFF MEMBERS

Geri Rackow
 Amy Gamett
 Steven Thomas
 Cheryl O'Connell
 Kellye Johnson
 Erin Probert
 James Corbett

1. Call Board Meeting to Order

Chairman Reed called the meeting order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Update on Environmental Health Enforcement Action (Babcock)

- Ms. Johnson provided an update on the Septic Rule violation discussed at the 11/4/2021 Board of Health meeting.
- Stan and Daniel Babcock submitted an application for a new system last week and paid the fee on 2/16/22. A test hole still needs to be dug and inspected prior to a permit being issued.
- The Babcocks were given 90 days (February 13, 2022) to have a permit issued or to abandon the septic system in question. No penalties were assessed at this time.
- Discussion by the Board.

MOTION: Mr. Leake made a motion to have Greg Crockett, EIPH legal counsel, send a letter to the Babcocks informing them they are required to pay EIPH's attorney fees and penalties related to this enforcement matter. They are also required to complete the system before occupancy. Mr. Crockett will let the Babcocks know that we have received their application and fee for the new system.

SECOND: Commissioner Dance

ACTION: Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Mendenhall – yes	Commissioner Dance – yes
Commissioner Shenton – yes	Commissioner Young – yes
Commissioner Madsen – yes	Bill Leake – yes
Dr. Aaron Gardner – yes	Chairman Reed – yes

3. Public Comment

No written public comments were submitted nor were any public present in person or online.

4. Approval of the Consent Agenda

MOTION: Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the February 17, 2022, Consent Agenda.

SECOND: Commissioner Mendenhall

ACTION: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. COVID-19 Situational Report

- Mr. Corbett reviewed the Data Dashboard and the incident cases by wave and variant for our Health District. He reports there is not reliable information that can predict future surges in cases.
- Ms. Rackow provided an update on the hospitals and reported blood supply is improving in our area.
- The State of Idaho has made available free KN95 masks for the public. These masks are available at all the EIPH offices.

6. Update on HB 313 (2021) Implementation

a. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Idaho State Controller's Office

Ms. Rackow updated the Board regarding the MOU with the State Controller's Office.

MOTION: Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the MOU with the State Controller's Office to continue utilizing their services.

SECOND: Commissioner Shenton

ACTION: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. MOU with Idaho Office of Group Insurance

Employees of the Health Districts are eligible to continue with the state's insurance benefits. Ms. Rackow reviewed the Office of Group Insurance MOU.

MOTION: Commissioner Dance made a motion to approve the MOU with the Office of Group Insurance.

SECOND: Commissioner Young

ACTION: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c. House Bills 515 and 516

HB 515 and 516 include clean-up language resulting from HB 316 (2021) and, if passed, would remove language requiring the Public Health Districts to comply with the state's personnel system. Both bills have passed the House and will now move on to the Senate. The health district directors continue to work with the Idaho Division of Human Resources (DHR) on an agreement to continue some services going forward.

d. Risk Management Insurance

Ms. Rackow reported that work continues to find a solution for Risk Management insurance for the health districts. She shared that there may be a legislative solution moving forward that would allow the Health Districts to maintain coverage through Idaho Risk Management.

7. Review/Approval of EIPH Employee Handbook

A copy of the proposed Employee Handbook was provided to Board members for review prior to the meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Madsen made a motion to approve Employee Handbook as presented.

SECOND: Commissioner Mendenhall

ACTION: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Announcements

a. Millennium Fund Update

Ms. Rackow reported the Health Districts submitted a budget request for approximately \$800,000 in Millennium Funds to continue providing free tobacco cessation services to Idahoans. The Governor's budget recommendation zeroed this amount out. The Public Health Districts recently presented at the Legislature's Millennium Fund Committee and were asked about our ability to provide services related to vaping prevention for youth. A proposal was submitted to the Millennium Fund Committee for consideration as requested. The Joint Finance Appropriations Committee will have the final determination on this funding and are scheduled to set the Millennium Fund budget on February 22, 2022.

b. Opioid Settlement Update

Ms. Rackow reports that Idaho has nearly 100% participation in the Opioid Settlement by eligible entities. The first payment to Idaho could be as early as April. She proposed that at the next Board of Health meeting we have a lengthier discussion on EIPH's work related to the Opioid Settlement funding. Ms. Rackow desires to gather all participating entities within our health district to have a conversation about opioid work that is currently being done and hopefully coordinate future work to prevent a duplication of services.

Chairman Reed adjourned the meeting at 10:16 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 17, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.



Commissioner Bryon L. Reed, Chairman



Geri L. Rackow, Secretary